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SUBJ: ARMS SALES TO ROK

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1. ROK PRESS JANUARY 19 CARRIED, WITHOUT COMMENT, SHORT FRONT PAGE HAPDONG ARTICLE DATED WASHINGTON QUOTING THE BALTIMORE SUN AS SAYING THAT PENTAGON HAS PROPOSED HANDLING DELIVERY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE ROK AS A SPECIAL CASE, EXEMPT FROM ARMS SALES CEILING, BECAUSE OF DIRECT CONNECTION WITH WITHDRAWAL OF US GROUND COMBAT FORCES FROM KOREA. IN REFTEL EMBASSY URGED THAT ROK BE TREATED AS SPECIAL CASE BECAUSE OF US COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY. ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS CONTINUING LIKELIHOOD THAT EFFORTS TO COMPENSATE ROK FOR LOSS OF WAR FIGHTING AND DETERRANT CAPABILITY AS A RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF US GROUND COMBAT TROOPS WILL CONSTANTLY FORCE EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS TO ROK UP AGAINST CEILING. THIS WILL SLOW US ABILITY TO FULFIL ITS UNDERTAKING IN A MANNER WHICH WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE ROK SECURITY.

2. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO SUPPORT CONCEPT OF "SPECIAL CASE" TREATMENT FOR ROK AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ADVISE
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WHETHER CONSIDERATION NOW BEING GIVEN TO PLACING ROK IN SUCH A CATEGORY.
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